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Primary Entity Name:	Entity Contact Number:
Entity Contact Name:	Entity Contact Email:
Entity Contact Address:	
Secondary Entity Name:	Entity Contact Number:
Entity Contact Name:	Entity Contact Email:
Entity Contact Address:	
Landowner Name(s)	Landowner Point of Contact Name
Landowner Address	Landowner Point of Contact Phone Number
	Landowner Point of Contact Email
Parcel Name	
Parcel County Location	

## LAND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**If the answer to any of the following criteria is "no", the application is ineligible for program enrollment.**

1. Entity(s) qualifies as either an eligible or a certified entity: Yes                      No	<p>8. Parcel meets at least one of the following qualifying criteria:  1) Contains a minimum of 50% Important Farmland Soils; OR  2) Has documentation of a historic or archaeological resource(s):  - listed or formally determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, OR  - formally listed as eligible on the State or Tribal Register of Historic Places, or included in the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Office's inventory with written justification as to why it meets the register of historic places criteria; OR  3) The protection of the offered land will further a state or local policy consistent with the purposes of ACEP (documentation of both the local policy and a justification of how it furthers the purposes of ACEP are required).  Yes                      No</p>
2. Local matching funds are available at application and appropriate documentation was provided to NRCS:	
3. Is parcel privately owned: Yes                      No	
4. Landowner(s) meet Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirements: Yes                      No	
5. Landowners meet HEL and Wetland Criteria: Yes                      No	
6. Parcel has a valid purchase and sales agreement at the time of application: Yes                      No	
<p>9. Please check one of the following:  A) At least 40 acres, or 20% of the offered parcel contiguous forestland                      Yes</p>	

7. Total forest cover is 66% or less: (Note: NRCS may waive the 2/3 limitation for acreage actively managed as sugar bush) Yes                      No		No answered as "yes", a forest management plan is required prior to easement closing.		<b>*NOTE:</b> If this question is
<b>NATIONAL RANKING CRITERIA (all questions are required by national policy and national questions must total a minimum of 200 points)</b>				
Criteria		Maximum Points	Parcel Data	Points Assigned
<b>Percent of the offered parcel containing prime farmland soils, soils of statewide agricultural importance, or locally important agricultural land.</b> <b>SCALE:</b> 3 points/percent for prime; 2 points/percent for statewide; 0.50 points/percent for locally important soils; and 0 points for all other soils (Maximum of 30 points)		30.00		
<b>Percent of the offered parcel in the following land uses: cropland, pastureland, grassland, or rangeland.</b> <b>SCALE:</b> 1 pointsfor each % (Maximum 20 points)		20.00		
<b>Ratio of total acres of eligible land in parcel to average county farm size.</b> <b>SCALE:</b> Less than county avg. = 0 points; Equal to or greater than county avg. = 30 points (Maximum 30 points)		30.00		
<b>The application package contains documentation (in the form of a business plan, succession plan, landowner statement or letter of intent, etc.) of a farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address farm viability for future generations.</b> <b>SCALE:</b> YES = 5 points                      NO = 0 points		5.00		
<b>Population Change, 2010 (U.S. Census) - 2014 (U.S. Census) - NH average =0.8%</b> <b>SCALE:</b> Population change is county based. 1point for each 0.1% over the state average. (Maximum of 5 points)		5.00		
<b>Population Density (Persons per Square Mile, 2010 (U.S. Census)).NH average =147.0 persons/sq. mile.</b> <b>SCALE:</b> Population Density is county based. 0.50 point for each person/sq. mile over the state average. (Maximum of 5 points)		5.00		
<b>Percent Conversion to Non-Agricultural Use between the 2007 (Ag Census) and the 2012 (Ag Census).</b> <b>SCALE:</b> Percent Conversion is county based. 2 points for every % of conversion from agricultural land use to nonagricultural land use. (Maximum of 25 points) <b>*Note:</b> Counties in which there has been an increase in agricultural land use from nonagricultural land use (shown as a negative number in the census data chart) will receive 0 points.		25.00		
<b>Proximity of parcel to other protected agricultural lands (limiting their risk of conversion to nonagricultural uses).</b> Distance measured in a straight line from the closest point on the offered parcel to the closet point on the nearest protected parcel. (Maximum 50 points) <b>SCALE:</b> Directly abuts or is across a river/stream or road from protected agricultural land = 50 points; Is less than 2 miles from protected agricultural land = 35 points; is between 2.1 and 3 miles from protected agricultural land = 15 points; Is between 3.1 and 5 miles = 5 points; is greater than 5 miles from protected agricultural land = 0 points.		50.00		

<b>Proximity of parcel to other agricultural operations or infrastructure</b> (such as Tractor Supply, Agway or Blue Seal Feed stores, tractor and equipment dealerships or repair facilities, CSA, Farmer's Markets, or other working farmland). Distance is measured as driving distance from the location of the offered land to the agricultural operation or infrastructure. <b>SCALE:</b> Directly abuts other agricultural land <b>OR</b> is within 2 miles of agricultural infrastructure = 30 points; is within 2 miles of other agricultural land <b>OR</b> between 2.1 and 5 miles from agricultural infrastructure = 20 points; is between 2.1 to 5 miles from other agricultural land <b>OR</b> between 5.1 and 10 miles from agricultural infrastructure = 10 points; parcel is greater than 5 miles from other agricultural land <b>OR</b> greater than 10 miles from agricultural infrastructure = 0 points. (Maximum 30 points)	30.00		
<b>Maximum Points for National Criteria</b>	<b>200.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>STATE RANKING CRITERIA</b>			
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Maximum Points</b>	<b>Parcel Data</b>	<b>Points Assigned</b>
<b>Percent of total parcel acreage comprised of National Wetland Inventory (NWI) mapped wetlands.</b> <b>SCALE:</b> >=10% = 25 points; <10% to 8% = 15 points; <8% to 5% = 10 points; <5% = 0 (Maximum 25 points)	25.00		
<b>Parcel Contains Tier 1, 2 or 3 Habitats identified in the 2015 Wildlife Action Plan.</b> <b>SCALE:</b> >= 50% of parcel is Tier 1 or 2 Habitat = 25 points; >=50% of parcel is Tier 1, 2, or 3 Habitat = 15 points; <50% to 25% Tier 1, 2, or 3 Habitat = 5 points; <25% = 0 points (Maximum 25 points)	25.00		
<b>Potential water quality benefits based on extent of riparian area. # feet of river or stream frontage</b> <b>SCALE:</b> Has >= 1 mile direct frontage on a 3rd order or higher mainstem Coastal Watershed river = 75 points; <1 and >= 1/2 mile direct frontage on a 3rd order or higher mainstem Coastal Watershed river, or >=1 mile frontage on a Coastal Watershed <3rd order perennial stream tributary = 50 points; <1/2 mile and >500' direct frontage 3rd order or higher mainstem Coastal Watershed river, or <1 mie and >500' direct frontage on a <3rd order Coastal Watershed perennial stream tributary =25 points; <500' and >100' direct frontage on a Coastal Watershed river or stream = 10 points; no direct river or stream frontage = 0 points (Maximum 75 points)	75.00		
<b>Proximity of parcel to other protected nonagricultural lands (such as forestland and wetlands).</b> Distance measured in a straight line from the closest point on the offered parcel to the closet point on the nearest protected lands parcel. <b>SCALE:</b> Directly abuts or is across a river/stream from protected nonagricultural land =50 points; Is within 1 mile of protected nonagricultural land = 30 points; is between 1.1 and 2 miles = 15 points; is between 2.1 and 5 miles = 5 points; is greater than 5 miles = 0 points. (Maximum 50 points)	50.00		

<b>Proximity to the Piscataqua-Salmon Falls River, a USFS identified watershed expected to experience the most change in water quality as a result of increases in housing density</b> <b>SCALE:</b> Has direct frontage on Piscataqua or Salmon Falls River=25 points; direct frontage on a perennial stream tributary to the Piscataqua or Salmon Falls River=15 points; within watershed of Piscataqua or Salmon Falls River=5 points. Not in watershed of Piscataqua or Salmon Falls River=0 points (Maximum 25 points)				25.00		
<b>Maximum Points for State Criteria</b>				<b>200.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Ranking Score possible points:</b>						
<b>Total Score for National Criteria:</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>Total Score for State Criteria:</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>Total Combined Score:</b>		<b>0.00</b>